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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/069,578 Confirmation No. 3832  
Applicant : T. SHIBUYA et al.  
Filed : February 27, 2002  
Title : AUTOMATIC ANALYZER AND RACK TRANSFER DEVICE  
TC/AU : 1743  
Examiner : J. Nagpaul  
Customer No. : 24956

**AMENDMENT****MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**A Petition for a two-month Extension of Time** and fee accompany this Amendment.